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Application No. : 09/683,836

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For : MASK DEFECT ANALYSIS SYSTEM

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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

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| Indep. Claims: 4 | **4 | 0 | x100= | \$ | x200= | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims Presented | | | +180= | \$ | +360= | \$0.00 |
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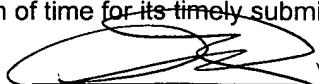
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the **Non-Final Office Action** mailed **January 19, 2005** ("Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

Applicants believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to **IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0456** (Burlington).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 8.